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Patent Number

5,990,398

Date of Patent Issued

November 23, 1999

I believe said inventor(s) to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled:

HIGH LYSINE DERIVATIVES OF ALPHA-HORDOTHIONIN

the specification of which

 is attached hereto. was filed on November 5, 2001 as reissue application number 10 / 010,709
and was amended on see attached amendment
(If applicable)

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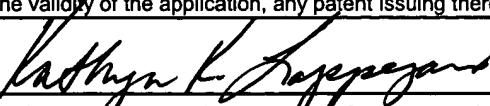
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CONTINUATION of page 2 of Reissue Application Declaration, recitation of error upon which reissue is based:

There were several grammatical and typographical errors addressed including: adding a comma before “wherein” at claims 2-3 and 19, changing the article to a proper form before “protein” in claim 4, before “expression” in claim 8, before “protein” in claim 17, before “protein” in claim 18, and before “protein” in claims 20-21 and adding a missing article to claims 11-14; deletion of a comma at claim 8 after “7”; replacing “comprising” with “wherein the method comprises” at claims 17, 18, and 20-21.

The agent erred in presenting language that was indefinite or confusing, or which depended from the wrong claim, which necessitated adopting language as proposed by the Examiner. The agent failed to cite a transformation step in claims 20-21. Antecedent basis in claims 5 and 6 for reciting the RNA sequence of claim 4 was not provided because the claim should have recited the RNA or DNA sequence that encodes the protein of claim 1. In claim 15, the claim was indefinite since it should have depended from claim 11 and not claim 15 and omitted the phrase “wherein the cells are maize cells” before the period. Claims 20 and 21 should have omitted language to “causing a protein to be expressed in tissues of the plant” as indefinite and should have instead recited that the cell is transformed “such that” the protein of claim 1 “is” expressed in tissues of the plant. Claims 20-21 should have recited the expression cassette of claim 7, instead of claim 6.